

PREDICTS PASSING OF MIDDLEMAN SYSTEM OUT OF DATE

The system of farm-product distribution by the middleman was branded as one of the principal reasons for the present exorbitant living cost by John A. McSparran, secretary of the Pennsylvania State Grange, in his address today before the forty-fourth annual convention of his organization at the University of Music.

His address carried an intensely progressive note, which seemed to be pleasing to the 1000 or more grangers and their wives assembled in the convention.

Advocating the system of distribution by the middleman as antiquated, Mr. McSparran declared that this system must be abandoned to obtain a square deal for the consumer in this matter of farm products.

Mr. McSparran advocated the establishment of municipal milk plants in all cities in the State. If this was done he said that the cities would be able to get milk and cream at fair prices.

He stated that there was no reason why the dairy farms should not move closer to the consumer.

As he observed, "is one of the things which do not improve with age and experience."

SUGGESTS LEGISLATION Under the head of legislation, Mr. McSparran said that new fields of taxation should be found if larger burdens are not to be placed on the homes of the Commonwealth.

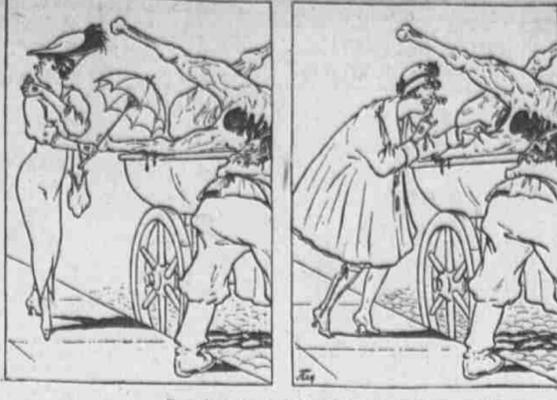
At the call of the largest city in the State we have come to Philadelphia with its forty-fourth session of the State Grange of Pennsylvania.

There is somewhat of misunderstanding between the people of our large cities and the people of the country. The people of the city are complaining that food products are so high in price.

Both contentions are correct. Let us hope that our meeting in the heart of the city will bring about a better understanding between those who work in the city and those who toil in the fields.

There should be no quarrel between producers and consumers. The welfare of each is bound up in the good of all. The difficulty arises out of the fact that in our complex civilization we have allowed too large a percentage of our people to take a profit out of simply "handling" commodities.

TIMES DO CHANGE



1914: "Phew—meat!" 1916: "Look—meat!"

out splendidly as proven by the fact that cities seldom if ever go back to the old way after having supplied themselves in a co-operative way.

"The farmer has long ago recognized this principle, as very little of dairy products comparatively is manufactured on the farm on which they are produced.

"It is in place, however, to point out that with a State Treasury virtually empty and with the record of the kind of deal we got from the last Legislature fresh in our minds, it behooves us to carefully consider the advisability of establishing a headquarters at Harrisburg and have a man on the job to know what is being done and to keep the folks at home informed.

"Taken altogether, taxation is increasing by leaps and bounds, and new fields of taxation must be opened up unless we wish to see larger burdens placed upon the homes of our Commonwealth.

"The close of another year finds our order moving steadily forward. The national secretary gives us credit for thirty-five new and three reorganized granges for the fiscal year.

"It is probable that other products would better be handled more direct to the benefit of both producer and consumer. Some would argue that having the intermediate profits is not strictly necessary, yet furnish a living for more people, but no person has a right to ask a living from a community unless they render a service, and a middleman that simply 'handles' goods should be cut out wherever possible.

"The co-operative principle has worked in the retail packages. Next to that comes the question as to whether society can allow profits to be taken on every step of the path from the producer to consumer.

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on personal and corporate property would furnish as much revenue as can be properly spent on roads in a year. It is simply an outrage to ask unborn children to pay the bill, especially when the only defense these children of the next generation have are the very persons and works representing the cowardly deed.

EDUCATION FOR COUNTRY In developing schools for the country the tendency is to ape after the cities, with their long term and close grading. There might be some justification for such a course if it were true that the city schools were turning out the best kind of scholars, but the fact is and has been that the child from the country school is going into business in the city and crowding the city-bred boy and girl out of leadership.

"This last election brought the number of dry States up to twenty-three or possibly twenty-five. Large sections of other States are opposed to this terrible business. There is no excuse left why Congress should not at once submit a constitutional amendment to the people of this country.

"The investigating committee chosen formed plans for organization and campaign last night. They will meet again on Thursday, December 21, when it is believed that considerable evidence against certain so-called Democratic workers will be placed before the committee.

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Fire Chief Bags a Deer SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 12.—While on the mountains near Alloway Charles Spitzer, chief of the local fire department; Solomon Fagely and Oscar Dockey, also of this place, came upon a large buck deer. Spitzer killed it.

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DEMOCRATS TO CUT OUT BIPARTISAN GROWTH

City Committee Declares Investigation Will Be Followed by Ousting of Democrat-Republicans

Democratic ward leaders in Philadelphia and their workers who have formed bipartisan alliances with the Republican Organization will be ousted from the former political ranks. A general investigation will be conducted in every ward of the city by a special committee headed by former Mayor William R. Becher.

"We have received several letters of complaint. The fact that there are or have been alliances seems to be generally known throughout political circles. We organized a committee last night to investigate conditions. They will begin with the First Ward and take up each other ward in numerical order.

There seems to be no question in the matter of alliances. The city committee has the power or right to reorganize ward committees and will exercise that power where political ententes have been formed.

WOMAN'S MEDICAL WORKERS HAVE CARDS Solicitors for \$200,000 Endowment Fund Should Be Able to Exhibit Credentials

Workers for the \$200,000 campaign for the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania have credential cards authorizing them to solicit funds for the endowment. It will be these cards for prospective donors to ask to see these cards, according to information given out at campaign headquarters in the Hale Building today.

Warning of German Raider Off Florida MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 12.—Warnings for Atlantic shipping through the south Atlantic and eastern portions of the Gulf of Mexico to keep sharp watch for a strange steamship thought to be a German raider, are being sent out day and night by British cruisers and by shore stations in the British West Indies. Wireless messages picked up here described the suspected craft as a vessel with two funnels and a straight stern.

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